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HILL IS SAT UPON

Buffalo Democrats Denounce the Wily Senator

NEW YORK LOST TO THE PARTY

By the Course David Pursued With Reference to the Vital Issues—Democratic Majority Disfranchised.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 5.—A large and enthusiastic meeting of anti-Hill democrats was held in Music hall to night, the great hall being packed. It had been announced there would be no procession or fireworks, but nearly 2000 men from hastily organized clubs, headed by the Cleveland democracy, escorted the speakers, ex-Secretary Fairchild and ex-Mayor Grace of New York, from their hotel to the hall. After the meeting had been called to order, resolutions were presented condemning the acts of the politicians who attempted to "disfranchise the great democratic majority," and declaring that "whatever may have been the emotion in which Senator Hill has been held in the past by the democrats of the state, it is now evident that the course he has pursued with reference to the vital issues of the present would result in the overwhelming defeat of the national ticket in the state."

Fairchild spoke and was followed by Grace and Frank M. Thorne. Every reference to Cleveland's name was the signal for repeated applause.

DENIES THE REPORT.

Secretary Blaine Has Not Renewed His Political Aspirations.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—There appears to be no substantial foundation for the report that Secretary Blaine has renewed his aspirations for the presidential nomination. The authority for the report is said to be one William H. Grace of Brooklyn, a real estate dealer who is said to be slightly above medium height, very stout, weighs about 300 pounds, and moreover to be pugnacious and a stump speaker. Nothing more is known of him here. The report that this story originated with Wm. B. Grace of New York, who has such large interests in South America, and who has had so many relations with the state department, is erroneous. It apparently is a fact that since the ratification of the Behring sea treaty, Mr. Blaine appears to have rapidly regained his health.

Secretary Blaine, acting under the advice of his doctor, is taking a great deal of exercise. He walks to the department whenever he has occasion to go there which is not frequently, as he is now doing a great deal of work in his library at home. He usually goes out for a long stroll every morning, however, and when walking he had no confidence in himself to keep up and down the block in front of his house, between Pennsylvania avenue and H street. He strides along briskly, and appears to be as strong as before his recent illness. A great many strangers in the city recognize him from pictures they have seen, and he is stared a great deal. Mrs. Blaine watches him carefully and checks over-indulgence in rich food, of which the secretary has always been inordinately fond. His diet these days is very simple, and the only thing the doctors fear is the heavy official dinners, to one which the secretary of state is invited almost every night of his life.

RUINED BY DRINK.

John W. Baker, a Prosperous Contractor, Sentenced for Forgery.

New York, April 5.—John W. Baker has been sentenced in the court of general sessions in Jersey City to two years and a half in state prison for forgery. A few years ago he was a prosperous contractor, worth from \$75,000 to \$100,000. He became addicted to drink, squandered all his money, and was several times sent to jail as a drunkard. Within a couple of years he reformed. Friends put him on his feet and he was on the road to prosperity again, but his weakness for liquor caused him to fall. Last Friday he pleaded guilty to three indictments for forgery. None of the checks were for more than \$10 and he committed the forgeries when he was drunk. Baker's incarceration in the jail had sobered him up, and when Judge Lipincott pronounced sentence the prisoner was completely overcome. Influential friends had been interceding for him on account of his family and he had some hope that sentence would be suspended.

FIRE FROM THE CLOUDS.

Curious Phenomena Witnessed by a Vessel's Crew on the Atlantic.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., April 5.—Captain Edwards, of the steamer Bernard Hall, reports the following phenomena, observed about 10 p.m., February 10, on a voyage from New Orleans, La., to Liverpool. The vessel was in latitude 22 degrees 30 minutes north, longitude 32 degrees 30 minutes west. The captain suddenly saw what seemed to be a mass of flames descend from the clouds with a hissing noise like that of a rocket, which appeared to bury itself in the sea some distance ahead of the ship. The wind was blowing in hard squalls, with heavy rain and thunder, but very little lightning. The barometer was steady at 29.50.

JUDGE WOODS TO BE SLIGHTED.

Narrow Minded Chicago Lawyers May Do a Mean Trick.

CHICAGO, April 5.—Judge Woods of Indianapolis, recently confirmed judge of the United States circuit court, will arrive in Chicago tomorrow morning to hear cases in Judge Graham's room. There are no emergency cases ready for him to hear, and he will find an empty court room. It is thought that some of the lawyers intend to administer a rebuke to Judge Woods by ignoring his presence here.

FIGHTS AT AN ELECTION.

The Sheriff Calls Out a Force of Deputies to Preserve Order.

SOUTH CHAMA, N.M., April 5.—An exciting election terminated this evening. Several fights occurred at the polls during the day. So alarming did the situation become that the sheriff was called upon and sent thirty-six deputies to the scene of hostilities, which action the mayor resented. After a conference with the sheriff, the deputies were withdrawn.

PLANTING A GRAVEYARD.

Bill Murphy Declares That He Will Kill Ten Men and Make a Start.

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PASTURE INSTITUTE.

A Year's Work Described in Its Second Annual Report.

New York, April 5.—The New York Pasture institute for the preventive treatment of hydrophobia, at No. 178 West Tenth street, has just published its second annual report. Dr. Paul Gibier, the director, states that from February 18, 1891, to February 18, 1892, 574 persons who had been bitten by dogs, cats and other animals applied for treatment. In the case of 461 of these persons it was ascertained that the animals were not rabid. In the remaining 113 cases there had been about 70 deaths among the persons who came from different parts of the country to submit themselves to the treatment. Dr. Gibier says that many of the patients had other fatal diseases, and that others applied for treatment too late to be of any beneficial result to be produced. Of the number treated 36 came from New Jersey, 22 from New York and 12 from Massachusetts. Dr. Gibier places the proportion of deaths after the fifteen days following the inoculation as only 2 out of 208. Out of the 177 attacked by animals undoubtedly rabid, 123 were bitten on the face and hands. Dr. Gibier says that ten persons—servants and assistants of the institute and himself—submitted to the treatment in order to prevent some fatal inoculation during the accomplishment of duty.

SHOT HIS SON-IN-LAW.

A Father's Attempt to Steal His Daughter Ends in His Death.

TUSCUMBA, Mo., April 5.—Several months ago John Witt and wife quarreled and separated. Mrs. Witt returned to the home of her father, Henry Davis, a farmer living near Brunley, taking with her a little daughter aged 3 years. Sunday evening Witt appeared at the house of his father-in-law and, catching up the child, ran out into the yard. He got about fifty yards when Davis appeared with a shotgun and, taking deliberate aim, fired on Witt. Witt's wife ran to where he was and took the child out of his arms. Witt turned and fired two shots at Davis with a pistol and then started to run. He went about fifty yards and fell dead. The child was found to be seriously wounded in the thigh. Witt's body was left all night where it fell, exposed to the severe storm that prevailed. Davis is in custody.

Rich but Accused of Forgery.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 5.—Julia Shielman, who is said to be worth \$60,000, was arrested here charge with passing worthless checks drawn on a Philadelphia bank. She is a consumptive and is generally considered to be slightly deranged. She was taken to police headquarters and was locked up in the same cell which was occupied by William C. Turner, the New Yorker, who was arrested here last week for bigamy and who attempted suicide in the cell.

Traveling Back to Dixie.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, April 5.—Hundreds of colored men are working their way through Ohio to the south. The negroes who have thrived here on the stories of the bad faith of contractors, who engaged them to build railroads in New York. Politicians talk of the necessity of legislating against importing this alleged cheap contract labor from the south.

Indians and Troops Fight.

PHOENIX, Arizona, April 5.—A courier from San Miguel, Mexico, brings information of a fight between the Yaqui Indians and Mexican troops at the Caban mines. Two Indians were killed and one badly injured. None of the troops were wounded. The trouble was caused by the arrest of a Yaqui Indian suspected of collecting arms and ammunition preparatory to a raid.

Mr. Reed Will Retire.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—It is reported at the capital that Representative Reed of Maine, contemplates a retirement from congressional life after the end of his present term. It is said his decision in the matter depends upon certain business negotiations now under consideration.

Light Weights to Fight.

New York, April 5.—Austin Gibbons of Paterson, N. J., and Stanton Abbott of England, light weight pugilists, have been matched to fight to a finish before the National Sporting club of London, England, for a \$2000 purse and \$1000 a side. The fight will take place in October.

Furniture Plant Burned.

FIGRA, Ohio, April 5.—A fire which started in the furniture concern of Cron, Kitta & Co., tonight destroyed the entire plant, also five dwellings. Total loss, \$200,000, covered by insurance.

St. Joseph's Exciting Election.

St. JOSEPH, Mo., April 5.—The city election today was highly exciting. The republicans elected mayor, treasurer, and auditor, police judge and city attorney. The democrats elected four aldermen, leaving the council 6 to 4.

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Kansas Suffers Again.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 5.—A storm of great intensity prevailed late Sunday night in Kansas and western Missouri, the details of which are only just beginning to be received. So far as advice indicates the storm was not so severe as that of last week, but the telegraph lines in both states have been seriously damaged and reports are not obtainable from all points where the storm is known to have raged. It may be, therefore, that later dispatches will show that more lives were lost and more damage done than is now apparent.

The storm was of a different character in almost every place heard from. At Cherryvale, Kan., it was a tornado. One mile east of the town the wind destroyed six houses, and two people were killed. It has been impossible to learn their names. The news of the disaster was brought to Wichita, Kan., by passengers on the morning train.

At Burlington, Kan., the disturbance took the form of a hailstorm. Hundreds of window lights were broken and much damage was done to fruit trees and crops generally. The hailstones were eight inches in circumference and the fusillade which they made upon roofs of houses was alarming.

At Bosworth, Mo., the storm was seen approaching, and the people, naturally nervous after the terrible experiences of their Kansas neighbors last week, sought safety in their cellars. The storm came on with terrible swiftness, but as it seemed about to strike the town it veered suddenly to the northeast. In that direction is a thickly settled farming region. Six houses in the path of the storm were demolished. Farris Nardis was badly hurt by flying timbers. Mrs. Wright, the wife of a farmer, was less seriously injured and several others were slightly hurt. The storm, besides being similar to a tornado, was accompanied by a water-spout which flooded all the creeks.

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